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School at Madura, which is only a continuation school, has provision for third and fourth year classes only and the passed second year pupils of Calicut (now Coimbatore) and some of the passed pupils of Royapuram and Tanjore schools are transferred to Madura to make up the third year class there.

(e) In selecting pupils for admission to medical schools the selection board gives preference to candidates who have taken science as their optional subject for the S.S.L.C. course. As regards the admission to medical colleges, the Selection Committee ordinarily gives preference to candidates in the following order :—

- (i) Those with a B.A. Degree in Science.
- (ii) Those who have appeared for the B.A. Degree examination in Science and passed the Science portion of the examination or attended B.A. class in science.
- (iii) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group II, first class.
- (iv) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group I, first class.
- (v) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group II, second class.
- (vi) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group I, second class.
- (vii) Those who have passed any other examinations recognized by the General Medical Council in accordance with Regulation 250 (1) of the Madras University.

Provided that in the application of these rules if the number of candidates to be admitted from the non-Brahman communities, including Christians, Muhammadans and depressed classes, falls short of two-thirds of the total number of candidates that can be admitted, the minimum qualifications is in the case of the candidates from those communities considered sufficient for admission, notwithstanding the order of preference prescribed by the rules.

There is, however, no objection to the Brahman candidates being admitted to the extent of more than one-third of the total number of candidates that can be admitted if from the non-Brahman communities there is not sufficient number of applicants for admission with at least the minimum qualifications.

Medical.

Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore.

* 289 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that subscriptions are being collected from the public of South Kanara for a Women and Children's Hospital in Mangalore ;
- (b) if so, the amount collected up to now ;
- (c) the amount estimated for the purpose ;
- (d) whether the hospital is meant for in-patients also ;

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- (e) whether the Government propose to make any grants for the purpose; if so, the amount of such grants;
- (f) whether a healthy site has been selected for the projected hospital;
- (g) in how many years the said hospital will be completed; and
- (h) what amount of money has been promised for the said hospital by the district board of South Kanara, by the municipality of Mangalore and by the taluk boards in the district?

- A.—(a) Subscriptions are being collected for improving and extending the present Women and Children's Hospital, Mangalore.
- (b) Rupees 24,000 according to the latest information received by Government.
 - (c) Rupees 40,000.
 - (d) Yes.
 - (e) The matter is under consideration.
 - (f) The proposal is to extend and improve the existing hospital on its present site. It is understood that the Mangalore Municipal Council has agreed to acquire and reclaim the area to the west of the hospital and make it available for the proposed improvements. The site and buildings to be vacated by the Police Hospital are also to be added to the Women and Children's Hospital.
 - (g) Roughly, it may take one year for the improvements and extensions to be completed.
 - (h) The Government have no information.

Alleged danger to Chingleput people by lepers being allowed to go outside the Leper settlement.

* 290 Q.—RAO SAHIB U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the letter published in the *Madras Mail* of 26th June 1925 under the signatures of four respectable gentlemen of Chingleput pointing out the danger to the town and suburbs of Chingleput by the lepers being thus let loose, defiling tanks, wells, etc.;

(b) what action the Government propose to take in the matter of carrying out the remedial measures suggested therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the leper settlement so as to accommodate all the lepers in the Presidency in that locality; and

(d) if so, whether the Government will kindly place on the table of the House all connected papers with regard to the proposed extension of the Leper settlement at Tirumani?

- A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.
- (b) The matter is receiving attention.
 - (c) & (d) The Government are considering the question of the best method of dealing with leprosy in the light of recent medical researches. There is no immediate likelihood of a large increase in the Tirumani settlement.